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SUPPLEMENT

1. The strength of the Russian occupation troops was estimated at mid-September 1946 to total 75,000 made up as follows:

37th Army Headquarters

Four Infantry Divisions

One Motorized Corps (of three motorized brigades)

One Armored Corps (three armored brigades, one motorized brigade, and two independent armored brigades, plus services)

2. The above is believed to be a temporary force since the 37th Army was to be changed to the 10th Motorized Army, with the four infantry divisions converted to motorized divisions or replaced with motorized units. Armored troops were also to be reorganized beginning with the disbandment of an armored corps, which would be replaced by an armored division of three armored regiments, one motorized regiment and one artillery regiment. The six armored brigades and the four motorized brigades would form two armored divisions. All tables of organization would be brought up to full strength by the addition of Bulgarian troops.
3. Most of the Russian troops are deployed south of the Danube, and there are no large concentrations near the Turkish or Greek frontiers.
4. The seven military bridges which were constructed over the Danube in 1945, between Vidin and Silistra are gradually being pulled down. However, the bridge at Giurgiu is still in use. Bridging material is on the Rumanian bank at Calafat (opposite Vidin), Turm Magurele (opposite Rikopol) and opposite Tutrakan.
5. Locations of Russian Troops in Bulgaria:

37th Army Headquarters:

: Sofia

7th Infantry Division

: Sofia and area

333rd Infantry Division

: Stara Zagora-Chirpan area

? Infantry Division

: Kananlik-Karlovo

? Infantry Division

: Borisovgrad-Bakovski-Karmanli

4th Motorized Corps Headquarters:

: Sliven

13th Motorized Brigade

: Burgas

14th Motorized Brigade

: Yambol

15th Motorized Brigade

: Sliven

16th Motorized Brigade

: Yambol

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Armored Corps Headquarters:

? Armored Brigade	: Stara Zagora
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? Armored Brigade	: Pancharevo
? Motorized Brigade	: Kazanlik
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6. The following units are listed separately since they do not form part of the above information and are mostly unidentified:

Divisional Artillery Headquarters	: Nova Zagora-Chirpan
35th AAA Brigade	: Plovdiv
Armored/Motorized Brigade	: Lovech
Armored/Motorized Brigade	: Vahrele
Tank Regiment	: Sofia (Gornja Banja)
Tank Battalion	: Peshtera
Two AA Regiments	: Pazardzhik
Artillery Regiment	: Sofia
Coast Artillery Regiment	: Varna
AA Regiment	: Silistra
68th Engrs Com Regt	: Sofia
Engrs and Bridge Bldg Det.	: Belene (on Danube west of Svishtov)
HEVD Regts	: Sofia, Plovdiv, and Burgas

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